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SUBJECT: ROUTING FOR DAVID ROCKEFELLER'S AIRCRAFT

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1. SUMMARY: WE SUGGEST BELOW PROCEDURES FOR BASIC CLEARANCE OF ROCKEFELLER AIRCRAFT IN QUADRIPARTITE AIR SPACE, BUT NOTE THAT THESE WOULD CLOSELY FOLLOW PARALLEL OF LESS-THAN-SATISFACTORY FAURE FLIGHT IN 1974. NOW THAT DRESDEN STOP CANCELLED, WE BELIEVE IF PREFERABLE TO FLY BERLIN-BRUSSELS LEG VIA CENTER CORRIDOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH QUADRIPARTITELY ACCEPTED PRECEDURES FOR POLISH LOT FLIGHTS TO PARIS AND BRUSSELS. END SUMMARY.

1. APPRECIATE INFO ON FLIGHT ROUTING REF A WHICH NEITHER US BASIC ELEMENT OR BARTCC HAVE YET RECEIVED DIRECT FROM WAYFER KETCH.

2. AGREE WITH DEPARTMENT THAT CARDS SHOULD BE PASSED TO SOVIETS IN BASIC FOR ALL MOVEMENTS OF ROCKEFELLER AIRCRAFT WHILE IN QUADRIPARTITE AIR SPACE. ACCORDINGLY WE PROPOSE FOR FLIGHT TO BERLIN FOLLOWING
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PROCEDURES, WHICH SIMILAR THOSE ACTUALLY EMPLOYED FOR EDGAR FAURE FLIGHT LAST YEAR (REFS B AND C):

(A) WHEN FILING UPDATED FLIGHT PLAN FOR
BRATISLAVA-BERLIN LEG, PILOT SHOULD INCLUDE BASC (TELEGRAPHIC
ADDRESS EDBAZQ RPT EDBAZQ AMONG ADDRESSEES AND GIVE
ESTIMATED ENTRY TIME INTO BCZ, AND ETA SCHOENEFELD.

(B) PRIOR TO ENTERING BCZ AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE
PILOT SHOULD CONTACT BARTCC BY RADIO GIVING REVISED BCZ
ENTRY TIME.

(C) WHEN INFO IN PARA (A) IS RECEIVED BY BASC, US
DUTY CONTROLLER WILL PREPARE LOCAL-FLIGHT CARD AND PASS IT TO
SOVIET, WHO WOULD, UNDER USUAL PROCEDURES, ACKNOWLEDGE
RECEIPT BY INITIALLING CARD AND RETURNING IT TO US
CONTROLLER.

(D) AFTER RECEIVING INFO IN PARA (B) US CONTROLLER WILL
ADD THIS TO CARD AND RETURN IT TO SOVIET. US CONTROLLER WILL
ASK SOVIET TO CONFIRM ACTUAL ARRIVAL TIME IN ORDER TO
COMPLETE PROCEDURE.

3. FOR BERLIN-BRUSSELS FLIGHT VIA CHEB WE COULD FOLLOW
THESE PROCEDURES:

(A) PILOT SHOULD FILE FLIGHT PLAN FROM SCHOENEFELD,
INCLUDING BASC AS TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSEE, AND GIVING ETD
AND ESTIMATED EXIT TIME FROM BCZ.

(B) ADDITIONALLY, PILOT SHOULD PROVIDE SAME INFO TO
EMBASSY BERLIN FOR DELIVERY TO BASC VIA USBER. THIS
ARRANGEMENT WOULD TAKE CARE OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS SHOULD GDR
AUTHORITIES DECLINE TO TRANSMIT FLIGHT PLAN WITH BASC AS ADDRESSEE.

(C) US CONTROLLER WILL PREPARE LOCAL FLIGHT CARD
AND PASS IT TO SOVIET WITH REQUEST SOVIET PROVIDE ACTUAL
DEPARTURE TIME.

(D) AFTER DEPARTURE, PILOT SHOULD CONTACT BARTCC
GIVING ESTIMATED OF ACTUAL EXIT TIME FROM BCZ FOR FLIGHT TO BRUSSELS.

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4. HOWEVER, NOW THAT DRESDEN FLIGHT IS CANCELLED (REF D) WE
BELIEVE AWKWARD ROUNDABOUT ROUTING VIA CHEB TO BRUSSELS
DESERVES RECONSIDERATION. MOST DIRECT ROUTE FROM BERLIN
TO BRUSSELS IS VIA CENTER CORRIDOR, AND IS IN FACT USED
BY BI-WEEKLY POLISH LOT NON-STOP FLIGHT FROM SCHOENEFELD.
WE BELIEVE ITS ADVANTAGEOUS TO WESTERN INTERPRETATION
OF BERLIN AIR REGIME, PARTICULARLY ON INTERNATIONAL
FLIGHTS, TO HAVE ROCKEFELLER AIRCRAFT FOLLOW LOT
PROCEDURES IN THIS INSTANCE. MOREOVER, NON-CORRIDOR ROUTING
COULD BE TURNED AGAINST US IN FUTURE CORRIDOR ROUTING WAS OUR

PREFERRED METHOD OF HANDLING FAURE FLIGHT BECASUE LOT
CORRIDOR FLIGHTS TO AND FROM SCHOENEFELD ARE CONDUCTED
UNDER AUTHORITY OF BASC AND CONTROL OF BARTCC WITHOUT
SOVIET OBJECTION (REF E). FRENCH VIEW THAT FLIGHT
"ABSOLUTELY NORMAL" UNDER PROCEDURES OUTLINED REF F
DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE WITH FACT THAT ONLY TIME THESE PROCEDURES
WERE FOLLOWED WAS FOR HIGHLY UNUSUAL FAURE FLIGHT.

5. USE OF QUADRIPARTITELY ACCEPTED LOT PROCEDURES,
PARTICULARLY CENTER CORRIDOR, WOULD OF COURSE BRING
BRITISH ELEMENT OF BASC DIRECTLY INTO PICTURE, AND
MIGHT OFFER WAY TO BRING LONDON AROUND TO ACCEPTING
NON-CORRIDOR ROUTING OF INBOUND FLIGHT. AS IN CASE OF
LOT FLIGHTS, FLIGHT PLAN WOULD BE DELIVERED (OR
TELEPHONED) TO BRITISH BASC ELEMENT FROM EAST BERLIN.
PILOT COULD OBTAIN CORRIDOR BRIEFING FROM US ELEMENT
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